



**POLICY: STUDENTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES**

While on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities, students may possess and use personal telecommunication devices including, but not limited to, pagers, beepers, and cellular phones provided that such devices do not pose a threat to academic integrity, disrupt the learning environment, or violate the privacy rights of others.

Students in possession of telecommunications devices and other related electronic devices shall observe the following conditions:

- A. Devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, including, but not limited to, posing a threat to academic integrity or violating confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual.
- B. Telecommunication devices shall be turned on and operated only before and after the regular school day and during the student's lunch break, unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a school administrator authorizes the student to do otherwise.
- C. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, including losing the privilege of bringing the device onto school property. In addition, an administrator may confiscate the device, which shall only be returned to the student's parent/guardian.
- D. Students are responsible for devices they bring to school. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or destruction of devices brought onto school property.
- E. Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.

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